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Applications from non-governmental organizations for consultative status

Note by the Director-General

Summary

Provides information on the following six non-governmental organizations applying for consultative status with UNIDO: African Technology Development Link Inc. (Techlink), Association of Financial and Industrial Groups of Russia, International Association for Continuing Engineering Education (IACEE), International Center on Small Hydro Power, International Network of Subcontracting, Industrial Cooperation and Partnership Organizations (RIOST), World LPG Association (WLPGA).

1. In accordance with Article 19.1 (b) of the Constitution of UNIDO and the Guidelines for the Relationship of UNIDO with intergovernmental, governmental, non-governmental and other organizations (decision GC.1/Dec.41), in particular paragraph 17 of the annex thereto, information on six non-governmental organizations (NGOs) seeking consultative status with UNIDO is circulated to the members of the Board in the annex to the present document. More detailed information on each NGO is available with the Secretariat.

2. Paragraph 17 of the Annex to the Guidelines stipulates that the Board shall establish appropriate procedures for reviewing applications from NGOs for consultative status. To facilitate and accelerate its work, the Board may wish to follow the practice established at previous sessions and request the Bureau of the Board to review the applications of the six NGOs, and information thereon annexed to the present document, and to submit its recommendations to the Board for consideration at its current session.

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AFRICAN TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT LINK INC. (Techlink)

Historical background

Established in July 1997 at Wilmington, Delaware, United States of America, with the objective to promote technology awareness, development, dissemination and utilization on the African continent through strengthened interaction among policy makers, researchers, technology owners and users as well as donors.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

Board of Trustees
Executive Director
Secretariat

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Forging links between Governments and the various institutions and organizations involved in technology development in Africa;

(b) Promoting and developing technology management programmes as well as technological and managerial training for SMEs;

(c) Developing databases and profiles on appropriate technology for SMEs;

(d) Organizing conferences, seminars, training workshops, exhibitions and technology fairs in African countries;

(e) Assisting SMEs to access information on the sustainable utilization of natural resources in production;

(f) Carrying out studies on technology policy as well as catalytic science, engineering and technology;

(g) Promoting the further involvement of women in science, engineering and technology programmes.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

Cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Relations with NGOs

Cooperation with universities and research institutions.

Documentation confirming international character of membership

Available.

Membership

Organizations, enterprises and institutions working in or supporting technology development in African countries.

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ASSOCIATION OF FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL GROUPS OF RUSSIA

Historical background

Established in January 1996 in Moscow, Russian Federation, by 24 founder entities, with the objective to unite their efforts in enhancing and developing productive operations and to contribute to the establishment of new viable financial and industrial structures in the economy of the Russian Federation.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

General Assembly
Council
Executive Committee
Chairman of the Council
Managing Directorate

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Promoting and coordinating projects that aim to improve corporate management, optimize financial and economic mechanisms, as well as enhance scientific and technological potential in the Russian Federation;

(b) Arranging for training and management courses related to industry and finance;

(c) Encouraging the dissemination of information related to industrial and financial matters and supporting analytical research;

(d) Organizing conferences, seminars, symposiums and exhibitions with a view to promoting Russian technology in domestic and foreign markets, sharing experience and knowledge;

(e) Seeking opportunities for grants, loans and contracts to enable local communities to manage their resources.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

Has applied for observer status with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. Participates in the Technical Assistance for the Commonwealth of Independent States (TACIS) programme of the European Union.

Relations with NGOs

Partnerships or cooperation agreements with chambers of commerce, associations of manufacturers and enterprises, trade unions, bank associations, etc., in the Russian Federation and abroad.

Documentation confirming international character of membership

Not applicable.

Membership

Over 40 financial and industrial groups representing banks, financial institutions and enterprises.

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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR CONTINUING ENGINEERING EDUCATION (IACEE)

Historical background

Established in May 1989 in Beijing, China, during the opening session of the Fourth World Conference on Continuing Engineering Education, with the objective to promote continuing professional development and lifelong learning for engineers and technicians worldwide.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

General Membership Meeting
Council
Executive Committee
Secretary-General

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Promoting and facilitating international technology transfer;

(b) Developing and strengthening cooperation between education and industry with the view to improving the quality of education and training of engineers and technicians, and of technical information;

(c) Facilitating access to and dissemination of information on continuing engineering education and cleaner production technologies;

(d) Organizing and sponsoring conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses;

(e) Promoting and carrying out research in the field of continuing engineering education.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

Operational relations with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization. Accredited to the United Nations Fourth World Conference on Women. Negotiating cooperation with the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development.

Relations with NGOs

Close cooperative relations with the founder organizations (10 regional and national engineering education organizations). Cooperation with the World Federation of Engineering Organizations, the International Federation of Information and Documentation and the International Association of Universities. Co-founder of the Global Information Alliance.

Documentation confirming international character of membership

Available.

Membership

More than 550 members in 74 countries worldwide, i.e. engineering education organizations, professional organizations, industrial organizations and companies, academic institutions and individual members.

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INTERNATIONAL CENTER ON SMALL HYDRO POWER

Historical background

Established in December 1994, at Hangzhou, China, on the joint initiative of UNIDO, UNDP, UNESCO and other relevant organizations, with the objective to promote small hydro power development worldwide through policy and technical cooperation and hence supply the rural areas of developing countries with environmentally sound, affordable and adequate energy.

Statutes

Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration

Coordinating Committee
Director

Activities related to the work of UNIDO

(a) Facilitating the transfer of proven small hydro power technology, in particular from Asian to African countries;

(b) Advising developing countries in the formulation of appropriate policies for small hydro power development;

(c) Promoting the dissemination and exchange of information, know-how and experience on small hydro power development and management;

(d) Training and/or coordinating ongoing training activities of engineers and technicians from developing countries in planning, designing and implementing hydro power units;

(e) Organizing and sponsoring conferences, symposiums, workshops, seminars and exhibitions on small hydro power machinery and equipment;

(f) Carrying out surveys, studies and research on hydro power generation and distribution systems, particularly on their environmental impact.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

Cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency, the E7 Network of Expertise for Global Environment, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific.

Relations with NGOs

Cooperation with the China International Center for Economic and Technical Exchange, the Latin America Energy Organization, the Energy Management Centre, the European Small Hydropower Association, etc.

Documentation confirming international character of membership
Available.

Membership
129 organizations in 62 countries.

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INTERNATIONAL NETWORK OF SUB-CONTRACTING, INDUSTRIAL CO-OPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS (RIOST)

Historical background
Established in 1990 at Brussels, Belgium, with the objective to promote and develop subcontracting, industrial cooperation and partnership through networking activities of its members.

Statutes
Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration
General Assembly
Administrative Committee
Steering Committee

Activities related to the work of UNIDO
(a) Encouraging the scientific, technical, technological, commercial and managerial development of subcontracting enterprises;

(b) Promoting the dissemination and exchange of information, know-how and experience on subcontracting;

(c) Identifying and promoting industrial partnerships among enterprises;

(d) Promoting transnational and national co-operation and networking in the field of subcontracting;

(e) Carrying out surveys, studies and research.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs
Cooperation with the European Commission.

Relations with NGOs
Cooperation with its members (Assembly of French Chambers of Commerce and Industry (ACFCI), Danish Federation of Crafts, Engineering Industries Association).

Documentation confirming international character of membership
Available.

Membership
30 chambers of commerce and industry, trade unions, professional associations, training centers, universities, and other organizations involved in subcontracting.

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WORLD LPG ASSOCIATION (WLPGA)

Historical background
Established in June 1987 at Dublin, Ireland, under the initial name of the World LPG Forum, with the objective to promote worldwide the use of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) as a safe, convenient, clean and efficient fuel.

Statutes
Available.

Structure of governing bodies and administration
General Assembly
Board of Directors
Executive Committee

Activities related to the work of UNIDO
(a) Promoting cooperation and exchange of information and know-how among all parties concerned with LPG use;

(b) Encouraging technology developments with a view to improving the safety and efficiency of LPG use;

(c) Carrying out surveys, studies and research on LPG use;

(d) Creating and raising awareness of using of LPG in the industrial sector as a safe, clean and efficient source of energy.

Relations with the United Nations and other IGOs

Consultative status Category II with the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

Cooperative relations with the International Atomic Energy Agency, the International Maritime Organization, the International Standardization Organization, the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Bank.

Relations with NGOs

Cooperative relations with numerous industrial and business associations.

Documentation confirming international character of membership

Available.

Membership

122 member organizations in 34 countries.

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